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FOR TREASURY DEPARTMENT
SPECIAL CUSTOMS STEEL TASK FORCE

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: ETRD, EIND, AR
SUBJECT: TRIGGER PRICE MECHANISM: REQUEST FOR HOME MARKET
PRICE AND PRODUCTION COST DATA

REF: STATE 156789

1. IN RESPONSE TO REFTEL REQUEST, POST IS SENDING
FOLLOWING DATA ON DOMESTIC PRICES OF COLD ROLLED
CARBON STEEL SHEETS IN EFFECT JUNE 17TH. THE PRICE DATA
IS GIVEN IN ARGENTINE PESOS (EXCHANGE RATE IN
EFFECT JUNE 17TH. THE PRICE DATA
IS GIVEN IN ARGENTINE PESOS (EXCHANGE RATE IN
EFFECT JUNE 16TH - 783 PESOS EQUALS \$1.00).

PRICES PER METRIC TON FOLLOW:

PLATES	CARBON STEEL SHEETS
QUALITY	SURFACE ASPECT

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O (BASE PRICE)	406,291 -
D	438,906 461,914
EDD	522,323 550,766
SEDD	536,903 564,716
SSEDD	551,061 581,134

COILS

QUALITY

O (BASE PRICE)	389,219
D	420,428
EDD	502,228
SEDD	516,292
SSEDD	529,867

STRIP

QUALITY

O (BASE PRICE)	418,306
D	452,007
EDD	537,340
SEDD	552,410
SSEDD	566,904

2. ITEMS LABELLED "EXTRAS" WHICH FOLLOW ARE EXPRESSED AS A PERCENT FIGURE. TO DETERMINE THE FINAL PRICE OF THE STEEL WITH ONE "EXTRA" OR MANY "EXTRAS", THE PERCENT LISTED FOR EACH "EXTRA" IS CALCULATED FROM THE BASE PRICE AND THIS FIGURE IS ADDED TO THE PRICE OF THE STEEL WITH THE DESIRED QUALITY TO ARRIVE AT THE FINAL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PRICE. EACH "EXTRA" CATEGORY LISTED UNDER COLD ROLLED SHEETS IN THE FEBRUARY 3RD FEDERAL REGISTER IS MENTIONED BELOW IN THE CONTEXT OF WHETHER OR NOT IT IS CONSIDERED AN "EXTRA" IN ARGENTINA. THE "EXTRA" PERCENTAGES FOR DIMENSIONS (WIDTH, THICKNESS, AND LENGTH) WILL BE POUCHED DUE TO THEIR NUMERICAL QUANTITY. THEY RANGE FROM-2 PERCENT (2 PERCENT OF THE BASE PRICE DISCOUNTED FROM THE FINAL PRICE) TO 21.50 PERCENT FOR DIFFERENT WIDTHS AND THICKNESSES. THE "EXTRA" PERCENTAGES FOR DIFFERENT LENGTHS RANGES FROM 1.0 PERCENT TO A PERCENTAGE TO BE DETERMINED BY THE BUYER AND SELLER. AN "EXTRA" PERCENTAGE CHARGE TO BE DETERMINED IS CHARGED FOR PLATE SHIPMENTS WEIGHING LESS THAN 2,000 KG. AS FOR "EXTRA" CHARGES FOR DIFFERENT TYPES OF FINISH, 2 PERCENT IS CHARGED FOR SEMI-BRIGHT SURFACE FINISH AND A BRIGHT SURFACE FINISH HAS A PERCENTAGE CHARGE TO BE DETERMINED, AS DO OTHER TYPES OF SURFACE FINISHES. "EXTRA" PERCENTAGES ARE NOT ADDED FOR SURFACE TREATMENT CHARACTERISTICS- GREASED EDGES OR THE SPECIAL CLEANLINESS REQUIREMENT. IN THE QUALITY CLASSIFICATIONS, PRICE DISTINCTIONS BETWEEN COMMERCIAL (O), DRAWING (D), AND DEEP DRAWING

CLASSIFICATIONS (EDD) ARE NOTED IN THE PRICE LIST
FURNISHED ABOVE.

STEEL WITH A FULL HARD QUALITY IS GIVEN A 2.4
PERCENT DISCOUNT. NO PRODUCTION CATEGORY EXISTS
FOR 1/4 HARD OR 1/2 HARD QUALITIES NOR FOR TWO
PRIME SIDES. REGARDING THE CLASS 2 DISCOUNT
APPLICABLE TO THE USAGE OF NON-EXPOSED AUTO
PARTS, SP PRICES IN THE PRICE LISTS REFER TO
THOSE NON-EXPOSED PARTS AND AB REFERS TO STEEL
USED FOR THE EXPOSED AUTO BODY PARTS. UNDER
CHEMISTRY, NO "EXTRA" PERCENTS ARE CHARGED
EXCEPT IF THE SPECIFICATIONS REQUESTED BY THE
PURCHASER ARE DIFFERENT THAN THOSE ADOPTED BY
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THE STEEL PRODUCERS. "EXTRA" CHARGES FOR EXTRA
QUANTITY ARE ONLY BEING CHARGED CURRENTLY WHILE
THE ARGENTINE STEEL MARKET IS IN RECESSION. THE
BREAKDOWN OF CHARGES REPRESENTED AS A PERCENTAGE
OF THE BASE PRICE IS AS FOLLOWS:

MEASURES

TONS	STANDARD	SPECIAL
FROM 2 TO LESS THAN 6	15	18
FROM 6 TO LESS THAN 10	9	13
FROM 10 TO LESS THAN 15	2	8
FROM 15 TO LESS THAN 20	2	3
FROM 20 TO LESS THAN 30	1	3
FROM 30 TO LESS THAN 50	BASE PRICE	1
FROM 50 ONWARDS	BASE PRICE	BASE PRICE

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REGARDING AN "EXTRA" PERCENTAGE CHARGE FOR
RESTRAINED TOLERANCE, THE MAGNITUDE WOULD BE
DETERMINED BY CONSULTATION WITH THE BUYER. NO
EXTRA CHARGE IS APPLIED TO THE THEORETICAL
MINIMUM WEIGHING.

3. OTHER AREAS WHERE "EXTRA" PERCENTAGES APPLY
IN ARGENTINA ARE DESCRIBED BELOW:

INSPECTION

PERCENTAGE

CERTIFICATE OF CASTING ANALYSIS 1.0 PERCENT
CERTIFICATE OF MECHANICAL INSPECTION
AS A TEST FOR STRESS (BREAKAGE OR
EXPANSION) AND HARDNESS ACCORDING
TO THE ERICHSEN INDEX 2.0 PERCENT

CERTIFICATE OF ANALYSIS AT THE ROLLED
STEEL FOR C-MN-SI-S-P) FOR 1 ELEMENT 1.0 PERCENT

FOR 2 ELEMENTS 2.0 PERCENT

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FOR MORE
ELEMENTS 3.0 PERCENT

FOR ELEMENTS PERCENTAGE TO
OTHER THAN BE DETERMINED
THOSE INDICATED

OTHER TESTS AND ANALYSES PERCENT TO BE
DETERMINED

OTHER CATEGORIES

RE SQUARED PLATES 6 PERCENT
RETRIMMED EDGES 5 PERCENT

IN ADDITION THERE IS AN "EXTRA" PERCENTAGE TO BE

DETERMINED FOR PACKING ARRANGEMENTS DIFFERENT FROM THE
NORM. AN EXTRA CHARGE OF 3 PERCENT ON THE TOTAL BILL
ALSO EXISTS FOR TRANSPORTATION OF THE SHIPMENTS DONE
BY THE STEEL COMPANIES OR CONTRACTED FOR BY THE CLIENT.

4. INFORMATION ON PRODUCTION COSTS WILL BE SENT AS
SOON AS IT CAN BE OBTAINED.

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